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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 12361

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJECT: ICCS: CANDEL BOYCOTTS PLENARY TO PROTEST MISSING CANADIANS

REF: SAIGON 12293

1. IN PROTEST TO LATEST PRG CONDITION CALLING FOR ARVN CEASEFIRE IN LARGE AREA WHERE MISSING MEN ARE PRESUMED LOCATED (REFTEL), CANDEL PROPOSED AT OPENING OF 72ND PLENARY JULY 9 THAT ICCS PLENARY COMMISSION TRANSACT NO FURTHER ROUTINE BUSINESS UNTIL MISSING MEN ARE RETURNED. HUNGDEL ICCS CHAIRMAN "REGRETTED AND DEPLORED" CANDEL POSITION WHICH HE TERMED A "PRESSURE" TACTIC. INDODEL ALSO CALLED CANDEL ACTION "REGRETTABLE". HOWEVER, HUNGDEL ICCS CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT SINCE PLENARY COULD NOT OPERATE WITH THREE DELS, HE PROPOSED THAT JULY 9 SESSION BE ADJOURNED WITHOUT CONSIDERING ANY FURTHER BUSINESS. CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPTED AND NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11.

2. MEANWHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN BOTH TPJMC PARTIES AND HUNGDEL/CANDEL REPS. CANDEL SOURCES TELL US THEY ARE TRYING TO

DEFINE TERMS OF CEASEFIRE DEMANDED BY PRG OVER LARGE RECTANGULAR AREA (52 KILOMETERS BY 33 KILOMETERS) COVERING 1,700 SQ KILOMETERS OF TERRITORY. PRG SUGGESTED AFTERNOON JULY 9 THAT SEARCH PARTY MIGHT RETURN TO RANG RANG FOR FURTHER TALKS OR REMAIN IN SAIGON TO AWAIT REPORT THAT MILITARY ACTIVITY HAD CEASED IN AREA UNDER QUESTION AND CURRENT LOCATION OF MISSING MEN. CANDEL OPTED FOR LATTER COURSE.

3. ARVN TPJMC REPS MAINTAIN THEY HAVE INITIATED NO VIOLATIONS IN AREA AND CANDEL IS TRYING TO GET PRG TO ACCEPT AFFIRMATION OF ARVN POSITION RATHER THAN IMPOSING SOME SORT OF CEASEFIRE WHICH PRG WANTS.

4. COMMENT. WE SUSPECT CANDEL WILL CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT PLENARY UNTIL MISSING MEN ARE RELEASED.  
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